

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., September 12, 2002 1255 Imperial Avenue Conference Room 436 – 4th Floor San Diego, CA 92101

Members Absent:

David Gomez

Richard Leap (excused)

Michael Chee (excused)

Richard Gersberg (excused)

Anthony Manoguerra (excused)

Members Present:

Bob Barrios Daniel Elkerton Bob Crouch

Ed Heidig Ruth Heifetz Ed Moore Bruce Morden

Bob Shuster

Jerry Spahn Alan Thum Malcom Vinje

Carolyn Powers (via telephone conference call)

Others Present:

Julie Ellery - Public Joyce Ward - Public Mary Sheltie - Public Gary Erbeck - DEH

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Advisory Board (EHAB) was called to order by the Chairman Bob Shuster at 8:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from the June 26, 2002, meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Ward, representing the River Watch, voiced her concerns for the San Luis Rey Watershed and the environmental and public health hazards posed by the proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill. Handouts were distributed. Ms. Ward was invited to make a presentation at the next meeting.

A motion by Bob Shuster, Chairman EHAB, that a presentation by Richard Gersberg, Board member, on the topic of the San Luis Rey Watershed be added to the next meeting's agenda. Seconded. Approved. (Dr. Gersberg has a schedule conflict and cannot attend the November meeting.)

IV. DIRECTOR'S UPDATED/ACTIONS

A. General Remarks

Gary Erbeck, Director, discussed the West Nile Virus Work Group, which will include all of the Land Use and Environment Group, State Health Department, San Diego County Public Health, the County's Epidemiology Department, DEH Vector staff and the County's Media Relations. The Work Group will create a program geared towards public awareness regarding the virus and symptoms associated with it. The first meeting will be held on Friday, September 13, 2002.

The DEH is in the process of working on a new space design for the San Marcos branch office. A second location is being considered, which would involve moving the San Marcos branch to a new facility being built in the area.

Richard Haas introduced Daniel Reid to the EHAB members. Daniel is the new Chief for DEH's Community Health Division (CHD). He joined DEH on September 3, 2002.

B. DEH Recruitment - Vacancy Report

Richard Haas reported there are currently 15 vacancies, actual 10 vacancies in DEH. Three DEH positions were converted to Program Manager positions. The department is continuing its on-going recruitment efforts. Handouts were distributed.

V. NEW BUSINESS/ACTIONS

A. DEH's Proposed Multi Year Fee Adjustments

Gary Erbeck, reviewed DEH's proposed multi year fee adjustments; a thorough discussion of the fees followed. Handouts were distributed to the Board members.

Bob Shuster, Chairman EHAB, indicated he would entertain a motion to either support/and or reject DEH's proposed multi year fee adjustments. The motion was made and seconded, to accept DEH's proposed multi-year fee adjustment. Approved. Ruth Heifetz abstained.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Due to schedule conflicts changed from Wednesday, November 20, 2002 to November 13, 2002 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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